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SUBJECT: SOLDIERS ATTACKED AND WOOLWORTHS BOMBED BELFAST

1. THREE BRITISH SOLDIERS ATTACKED DOWNTOWN BELFAST NIGHT JAN. 20 IN WHAT APPEARS BE COPY ATTACK LONDONDERRY JAN. 17 IN WHICH ONE SOLDIER DIED. SOLDIERS APPROACHED BY TWO MEN ARMED WITH PISTOLS AT SEARCH POINT. ONE SOLDIER SHOT IN ARM AND ANOTHER HIT IN BACK BY THREE BULLETS BUT SAVED BY FLAK JACKET.

2. WOOLWORTHS ONE OF LARGEST STORES BELFAST SEVERELY DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES CAUSED BY TWO INCENDIARY DEVICES JAN. 20. TELEPHONE WARNING RECEIVED BY SAMARITANS THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE EXPLOSIONS AND THERE NO CASUALTIES. THIS THIRD ATTACK ON WOOLWORTHS IN "TROUBLES" AND FUTURE FOR STORE UNCERTAIN. WOOLWORTHS EMPLOYS 200 PEOPLE AND BOMBING COINCIDED WITH RELEASE OF NEWS THAT PROVINCE UNEMPLOYMENT HIGHEST SINCE 1941 AND AT HIGHEST RATE IN WESTERN EUROPE (AIRGRAM FOLLOWS).

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